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Town prepares itself for winter weather

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STEPS are being taken to ensure that Bridport and West Bay are protected from flooding and extreme weather, almost a year on from the storms that shocked the community last winter.

County council bosses are working with the Environment Agency to strengthen defences in the most vulnerable parts of West Dorset, with the threat of more torrid winter weather on the way.

Serious damage was caused to seafront properties in West Bay last year, with dramatic scenes on Valentine's Day, which saw residents evacuated from their homes and taken to a nearby pub overnight.

And potholes left by the storms on some of the key roads in and around Bridport have frustrated motorists for many months.

Following the devastation last winter, various organisations have been working to pre-empt any repeat of the conditions by preparing plans and procedures to combat severe weather.

The Environment Agency says it has already com-

pleted a record number of repairs to flood defences damaged during the wettest winter on record last year.

And a wealth of reinforcements and revisions, including efforts to strengthen the banks at the mouth of the River Bride at Freshwater Beach, form a package of new and improved defence systems, designed to keep communities protected.

"Our defences are now back to their pre-storm condition, and in some cases are in better condition than before," said the Environment Agency's Ron Curtis.

Forecasters have already been on alert during the first few days of the new year, with alarm bells ringing ahead of heavy rain predicted for the weekend.

Soon after revellers welcomed in the new year in Bucky Doo Square last week, the Environment Agency issued its first flood warnings of 2015.

Experts feared that heavy rainfall forecast for Friday night and Saturday morning could cause water levels in the Brit, Asker and Simene rivers to rise, but no major disruptions were reported and the warning was removed on Sunday afternoon.

Despite the escape, the agency is urging those in flood-risk communities to make sure they are as prepared as possible for more severe weather this winter.

Meanwhile, Dorset County Council says those who

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■ **HELPING HAND** | Members of the Golden Cap Association donated a cheque for £4,000 to the West Dorset National Trust last month – bringing the fundraising group's total contribution to £110,000.

The association's outgoing chairman Jeremy Worth presented the cheque to Helen Mann, the trust's property manager, at Salway Ash Village Hall recently, where members were thanked for their efforts over the year.

The group's 500 members and volunteers support the trust's work throughout West Dorset, while taking part in a varied programme of social events as well.

Funds raised from members' latest efforts have been set aside to cover the purchase of new equipment and the printing of new leaflets.

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KEY "Ballonatic" Hart was born in Bournemouth and grew up in South London, running an entertainment agency before coming to Weymouth where he is now famous as a balloon-making entertainer.

● **WHY** do you live in Weymouth?

Because it is probably one of the most awesome places I have ever been to. I have a great affection for Weymouth because when I was 17 I was a Blue Coat at Pontins at Osington Bay.

● **WHERE** do you go for your holidays?

It is too nice in Weymouth to go anywhere else so I am really on holiday all the time.

What is your favourite time of the year?

Summer because I do like the sunshine and the festivals. It is the busiest time of the year for me.

● **WHAT** is your favourite film?

The Shawshank Redemption because Morgan Freeman is one of my favourite actors. He was amazing in the film.

● **WHAT** is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you?

I do stiltwalking and I fell off them and landed on cobbles. That was scary because I was off work for eight weeks and it took a lot of nerve to go back up 12feet and do stiltwalking again.

● **IF** you could live your life again what would you be?

I would be a musician because I have always wished that I had some musical talent. I would love to play the drums.

● **WHICH** three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?

Edward Lear because of the amazing imagination he had creating all those limericks, Alice Cooper because he is one of the greatest showmen and rock stars and because I was in the film Dark Shadows with him. My third dinner guest would be Harry Houdini because he was the first man ever to make magic and escapology famous. He's the name that everyone remembers.

● **WHAT** would you do if you won the Lottery?

I don't think that it would change me much. I would use the money to help people who are a bit less fortunate than me.

● **WHAT** do you hope the future holds?

I hope that I can continue to spread smiles one balloon at a time.



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Campaigners calling for Vearse Farm support

CAMPAIGNERS backing the proposed Vearse Farm housing development are collecting signatures and are encouraging Bridport residents to support their growing petition.

The Future Bridport group has started a petition in favour of the proposed devel-

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opment of 760 houses, which includes affordable housing for local people, a primary school, a care home and business starter units.

Despite bad weather, campaigners Ian Har-

vey and Tom Glover were in Bucky Doo Square on Saturday (January 3rd) collecting signatures from residents who welcome the development for the town.

Mr Glover said he

had been forced to move out of the town last year due to the lack of housing in the area but hopes to return one day.

He believes a new development like this is what is needed to sustain the future of Bridport.

He said: "The town's population is growing and Bridport is becoming an increasingly desirable place to live, so building new houses is unavoidable.

"Younger people and those on lower incomes are being forced out of the town - people who have lived here all their lives, gone to

school here, work here and have families here.

"Local people on an average wage simply cannot afford to buy a property in the town so face the options of never owning a home or moving to somewhere more affordable."

A proposed 35 per cent of the 760 new homes will be affordable, ranging from social rent (council housing) and shared ownership to properties available to those who live, or have strong links, to the local area.

Pro-Vearse Farm campaigners say the

housing will be built outside the flood risk area, and that the development aims to retain as much as possible of the existing hedgerows as well as provide landscaped open spaces with new trees being planted.

Mr Glover added: "I would hate to see Bridport end up like other towns on the coast, full of retirees and second homes, where the streets are empty for 10 months of the year and only come alive in the summer.

"This would be terrible news for local people and businesses,

and would make the town a soulless place where nobody would want to live.

Seven hundred and sixty new houses would mean 760 more families to eat in our restaurants, drink in our pubs, go to our theatres and support our growing number of local festivals and events.

"Obviously we do not want to close the doors on Bridport and

we do not want to build on every green space going, but a development like this is desperately needed and we as a community should be working with the developers to make it the best possible place for people to live."

To find out more about the campaign, visit Future Bridport's Facebook page or sign the petition at <http://bit.ly/1tJKISO>

Work begins on flood defences

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are vulnerable to flooding are getting the help they need.

Shortly before Christmas, the county authority announced plans to install flood barriers, doors and pumps to homes that have reported internal flooding.

A total of 100 properties, half of which are in West Dorset, are set to be fitted with special devices to improve flood water resilience and help homeowners return to normality soon after any damage is caused.

Councillor Peter Finney, the council's cabinet member for environment, said he was "confident" that, when installed, the new devices would "significantly improve the resilience for households in the most at-risk areas."

The district council also began a series of vital flood defence works in West Bay in October, in order to provide the "best possible resistance" to future severe weather.

The project's first phase involved covering the beach with new shingle to prevent waves from flooding over the sea wall.

And the second phase of the project is expected to begin within the next few weeks.

Further support and advice is available from the National Flood Forum on 01299 403055 or online at www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk

Residents concerned that their properties are at risk can also ensure their homes are considered for future schemes by visiting www.dorsetforyou.com/flooding/report



Networking lunch this month

BRIDPORT Business Chamber is holding a networking lunch event on January 21st, which is open to all.

The theme of the lunch will be business innovation and developmental motivation, with talks from three speakers: Nigel Power; Brian Doidge from South West Business Workshop Ltd; and Bob Cottell

from Joules Innovation. The networking lunch takes place on Wednesday, January 21st at the Avenue restaurant in West Street and is open to both members and non-members.

The event will include a light lunch.

For more information and to book visit <http://bit.ly/1xtY3Or>

Broadchurch returns

THE long anticipated second series of *Broadchurch* returned to TV screens with a bang on Monday night, writes **LOTTIE WELCH**.

Bridport residents eagerly watched to capture scenes of West Bay which included East Beach and the cliffs, the wooden cabins lining the River Brit and the South West coast path leaving West Bay towards Lyme Regis.

The episode began with scenes of a bluebell wood and focused on two girls that were not introduced in the first series; viewers found out that they were the victims in DI Hardy's previous case before he moved to Broadchurch.

But it was the unexpected courtroom scene that gripped viewers as Joe Miller, played by Matthew Gravelle, pleaded not guilty to killing school boy Danny Latimer, even though he

confessed to the murder at the end of the first series.

The episode also showed DI Hardy, played by David Tennant, still struggling with medical problems and that in this series has a stalker who broke into his cabin, stealing letters and information about his medical condition.

Beth Latimer, played by Jodie Whittaker, is pregnant; a revelation fans found out at the end of the first series, and her relationship with Ellie Miller - Olivia Coleman - has disintegrated since it was revealed her husband killed the Latimer's son.

The episode left viewers with many unanswered questions and a new investigation to start wondering 'who-dunnit'.

The next episode is on ITV next Monday (January 12th) at 9pm.

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Council boss to stand down

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WEST Dorset District Council leader Robert Gould will formally resign from his post this week, it has been confirmed.

Councillor Gould, who also took over the leadership of the county council recently, said he would be stepping down to concentrate on his new role.

He is set to be replaced as leader by Councillor Anthony Alford, representative for the Allington and Netherbury ward, who is expected to formally take up the position tomorrow (Thursday).

Councillor Gould, who spent more than a decade at the helm of the district council, had also been standing in as leader of the county authority following the resignation of former leader Spencer Flower, who is facing a court trial for failing to declare personal interests in planning matters.

And the Conservative member was elected on a permanent basis early in December, after defending the council's handling of the accusations against Councillor Flower.

In a statement, Councillor Gould said it had been a "great privilege" to lead the authority in delivering a series of "flagship" projects, but that he must now focus his attention on the county council leadership.

"I have recently been elected leader of Dorset County Council. I have decided therefore that I must step down as West Dorset District Council leader so that I can give my full energy to this new role," he said.

"I have immensely enjoyed my ten-and-a-half years as leader and it has been a great privilege to lead the authority through a period of unprecedented change.

"I am very grateful for the support that I have received from members and officers in this time."

Councillor Gould said he was proud to have ensured the council's finances were well managed and that council tax had been kept low during his tenure.

He also remarked on the key move to cut costs by working more closely with partner councils in Weymouth and Portland, and North Dorset.

"Together we have achieved so much for the residents of West Dorset, but most importantly we have ensured sound financial management and kept our share of the council tax low.

"This has enabled us to avoid the large cuts to services other district councils have been forced to make, maintain support for our voluntary organisation and deliver large flagship projects, such as the new Dorchester Sports Centre and Lyme Regis coast defence works.

"Our move to more efficient offices has unlocked the potential for partnership working, first with Weymouth and Portland, and now

North Dorset. This ground-breaking work has been recognised nationally by the award of over £2million to implement the three-council partnership."

Councillor Anthony Alford was elected by the Conservative Group as its new leader last week and is expected to be voted through as Councillor Gould's successor at a meeting tomorrow.

Councillor Gould added: "I trust that on Thursday [Councillor Alford] will be elected as the new leader of the council and I know he will be outstanding in this role.

"I am confident he has all the necessary experience and ability to take the council forward in these challenging times."

Former county council leader Spencer Flower is due to appear at Bournemouth Magistrates' Court in April, following allegations that he failed to declare an interest in planning housing companies.

Councillor Flower has denied three charges and submitted not guilty pleas at a hearing last month.



■ Councillor Anthony Alford is set to be named as the new leader of West Dorset District Council

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Criminal damage to vehicles

BETWEEN 4pm on Sunday, December 28th and 4pm on Monday, December 29th, damage was caused to three vehicles, each having had their tyres slashed while parked overnight in St Andrews Road.

Crime number C:14:D:054157

Number plate removed

BETWEEN Friday, December 26th and 7pm on Saturday, December 27th a number plate was removed from a Skoda Fabia by an unknown person while the vehicle was parked on the owner's driveway in Bowhayes, Bridport.

Crime number C:15:D:000449

THEFTS

Theft of motor vehicle

BETWEEN 7pm on Friday, January 2nd and 10.55am on Saturday, January 3rd, a Citroen 2CV two-tone, grey in colour, was taken having been parked on the owner's driveway at King William Head, Bradpole.

Crime number C:15:D:000392

Bicycle theft

BETWEEN 5pm on Monday, December 19th and 9:50am on Tuesday, December 30th, an unknown person cut a cable lock and took a Claude Butler mountain bike, which had been left secured outside the owner's home in Knightstone Rise, Bridport.

The bike is described as having 21 gears and being silver in colour, with the brand name in red and black lettering, and has a front suspension.

It has recently been fitted with brand new disc brakes and gear shifters.

Crime number C:14:D:054255.

Theft from motor vehicles

BETWEEN 8pm on Wednesday, December 31st and 1pm on Thursday, January 1st, an unknown person gained entry to a Toyota Yaris while parked on the owner's driveway in Pyrmore Road, Bridport, and stole a students' card and bus pass.

Crime number C:15:D:000115

Horse lorry theft

ON SATURDAY, January 3rd, between 11am and 4:45pm, an unknown person entered an unsecured horse lorry and removed items of value while it was left unattended in a layby, near Lambert's Hill Castle.

Crime number C:15:D:000530

Theft of scrap metal

BETWEEN 5:30pm on Friday, January 2nd and 10am on Saturday, January 3rd a large vehicle was used to force entry to gates at Ackerman Engineering Ltd on the Corbin Business Park.

Having gained entry to the compound, the thieves stole a blue skip bearing the owner's name, GP Metals, which contained scrap metal.

Crime number C:15:D:000382

Theft of gas bottles

BETWEEN 5pm on Sunday, December 28th and 5pm on Tuesday, December 30th thieves stole two 47kg gas bottles from a private caravan at the Parkdean Holiday Park, West Bay.

Crime number C:14:D:054314 refers

DRUG OFFENCES

Possession of cannabis

ON TUESDAY, December 30th a 16-year-old male was arrested for being in possession of cannabis, having been seen to drop it following an altercation with security staff at WM Morrison, West Bay Road, Bridport.

The male admitted to officers that attended the store and he was arrested and conveyed to Weymouth custody.

INTRUSIONS

Intruders disturbed

AT 5:40PM on Thursday, January 1st a resident in Crock Lane, Bothenhamp-ton, challenged two young males, when the owner noticed a light shining in his garden shed, which had been left unsecured at the time.

The owner went into the house to get a torch and found two males in their 20s attempting to fill a bag with frozen food.

Both males left empty handed and pleaded with the owner not to call the police, stating that they were homeless.

Male one: White, 5'10", slim build with a spotty complexion, wearing a

beige pattern flat cap and a dark jacket with a hoodie underneath and blue jeans.

Male two: white, slim build with light brown short hair.

Crime number C:15:D:000144

AT APPROXIMATELY 6:10pm on Thursday, January 1st two males were disturbed by the owner of a property in Crock Lane when she heard the

sound of the French doors being opened.

When she called out to see who was there she noticed two dark figures walking away from the house to the top of the garden.

Nothing had been stolen and it is thought this is likely to be the same males involved in the attempted theft of food from a nearby shed.

Crime number C:15:D:000153

U3A hails successful year

MEMBERS of the Bridport and District University of the Third Age (U3A) are celebrating a successful year at the club with the highest ever membership numbers.

From January to December 2014, membership rose from 338 to its highest ever total of 393, an increase of 16 per cent, and the number of special interest and study groups went from 46 to 56, with two or three more hoping to form in the future. One of the success stories for the group, which was launched five years ago, is the U3A Singers, which has almost 60 members who performed for the public for the first time last month.

The year ended with the choir's performance in Bucky Doo Square, pictured right, and the U3A's annual

Christmas quiz where a team was half a point off getting full marks.

Lois Edwards, chair of Bridport and District U3A, said: "It is no secret why we are doing so well.

"I have a great team of people who listen carefully to what people want in terms of the special interest groups they would like to see us provide and the talks we organise each month.

"Then we do our very best to make things happen. It seems to be working."

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People worse off in countryside, says councillor

A BRIDPORT councillor is heading a new drive to ensure people living in rural communities get a fair deal from Government.

Town, district and county councillor Ros Kayes says

by Jack Dixon

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greater efforts must be made to reduce the “democratic disconnect” for residents in rural areas,

who are “worse off” than their urban counterparts.

Councillor Kayes, who will run as a parliamentary candidate in May’s election, will take her campaign for a ‘Rural Bill of Rights’ to ministers early in the new year.

She says workers in West Dorset are paid less than the national average in a community where the cost of living ranks among the highest in the country.

And the Government, Councillor Kayes claims, must do more to address the growing problems of rural poverty and unequal access to services.

“If you look cumulatively across a whole range of issues, it’s quite clear that people in rural areas are less well off in terms of their ability to access services than their urban counterparts – and we think it’s time the government did something about it,” she said.

“It isn’t just about the distances involved, but also the fact that housing costs more, work is seasonal and the health service gets less money per patient in rural areas.”

Councillor Kayes’ campaign will call for rural residents “rights” to key issues, including education, healthcare and affordable housing, to be drawn

up. She also argues broadband and digital services, transport costs and energy prices all hit harder in the countryside.

Councillor Kayes added: “People living in rural areas live in a beautiful environment and often have a quality of life which is envied by their urban counterparts. On the other hand, they earn less, have higher housing costs, find healthcare more

difficult to access, pay more for fuel, energy and almost every other commodity, and have fewer opportunities in education, training and leisure activities.

“The problem of rural poverty

and unequal access to services has been allowed to develop unaddressed for decades by governments of all persuasions. But study after study has shown that people are worse off in the countryside.”

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■ Councillor Ros Kayes with her ‘Rural Bill of Rights’ on the steps of County Hall in Dorchester

PJ to record her new album in public

BRIDPORT born musician PJ Harvey has made national news headlines once again, after announcing an innovative plan to record her new album in public.

Fans will be able to watch the six-time Grammy-nominated artist working on her ninth studio album as part of a unique exhibition at Somerset House in London.

Harvey, 45, along with her guest musicians, producers and engineering team, will work on the album within a specially designed box studio so spectators can watch the recording process live.

The installation will be surrounded by one-way glass and fully sound proofed, so the musicians will not be distracted by the audience.

Tickets for the event, ‘Recording in Progress’, which kicks off next week, sold out very soon after going on sale.

And a handful of lucky fans will be able to observe Harvey’s creative process in real time over the next four weeks.

Visitors have paid up to £15 to watch the exhibition in 45-minute slots, which could cover anything from improvisation to full track performances, or even discussions about the music.

“I want ‘Recording in Progress’ to operate as if we are an exhibition in a gallery. I hope visitors will be able to experience the flow and energy of the recording process,” Harvey told *The Guardian* last week.

Born in Bridport and educated in Beaminster, Harvey recorded her latest album, 2011’s ‘Let England Shake’, over a five-week period at St Peter’s Church in Eyre.

The album won the coveted Mercury Prize later that year and was named the year’s best album by no fewer than 16 music publications.

She has launched recent album tours with intimate gigs in Bridport and is still often seen around the town, supporting other musicians and events.

Harvey was awarded an MBE for services to music in 2013, and has worked with a string of established artists over the years, including Nick Cave, Marianne Faithful and Radiohead’s Thom Yorke.

‘Recording in Progress’ will open at Somerset House on January 16th and run until February 14th.

Fans were surprised by the shock announcement last week, after Harvey had previously indicated she would take more time to work on the new album.

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Annual potato day returns this weekend

BRIDPORT'S fourth annual Potato Day takes place this Saturday – a must in the town's gardening calendar.

Organised by members of local permaculture group 'plan b', the event has proved very popular over the last three years, attracting gardeners from around the area.

Pennard Plants, a nursery based in Somerset that specialises in heritage and heirloom seeds and plants, will be coming along with over 60 varieties of potatoes as well as onion sets, garlic, heritage seeds, fruit trees and bushes.

They also have a vast knowledge about the varieties they sell and the soil conditions in which they thrive.

Potato Day takes place at Bridport United Church from 10am–2pm on Saturday, January 10th.

Entry is free but donations to Water Survival Box, the charity supported by the *View From*, will be gratefully received. We will be in attendance with one of the life-saving boxes.

Refreshments including coffee, cake, soup and

jacket potatoes will be available and proceeds from the day will go to the Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

● THIS will be the last year the current organisers will be running the Potato Day and anyone interested in organising the event in the future should call Jude Hopkins on 01308 456528 for more information.

Auction rooms on telly

THE episode of *Antiques Road Trip* filmed at Ottery Auction Rooms last year will be shown on BBC1 at 4:30pm next Monday (January 12th).

When asked, auctioneer and valuer David Sumner was not sure how much of what was filmed at the saleroom would be aired, as the focus of the programme is on the items and the experts.

David jokingly said that he has a face for radio and his piece would probably be left on the cutting room floor! However he thought it was interesting to see how these shows work and that as a piece of advertising it can't do any harm.

The next sale to be held at the Finnimore Industrial Estate auction rooms is on Saturday, January 17th at 10am.

These early in the year sales often do well because dealers have been sat on their laurels over Christmas and want to get back to the fairs and restock their shops with fresh items.

The same goes for collectors, who want to go out and banish their winter blues by purchasing something nice.

Lots include an early 20th century horse drawn cart, an enamel advertising sign, a useful walking stick, and even a beautiful diamond engagement ring.

There are a host of eclectic and wonderful lots at the Vintage and Antique Sale, so come into view on the day before the sale or browse the online catalogue which will be available from Tuesday, January 13th.

■ BUDDING amateur musicians in Bridport are being invited to join one of the South West's most established and popular military bands, writes JACK DIXON.

Whether an enthusiastic newcomer or a past performer, the Wessex Military Band is calling on players across the county to attend rehearsal sessions later this month.

Formed in 1981, the band currently has around 40 members and has launched a recruitment drive to find a handful of new faces.

Playing a range of different musical styles, from marches to musicals and classical to contemporary, the band is particularly on the lookout for players of woodwind, brass and percussion to join the line-up.

Phil Bond, bandmaster and a former musician with the Devon and Dorsets Regiment, said: "Many people played an instrument in school, with a youth orchestra or local brass band, but stopped performing to focus on work and family – they may now be looking for an opportunity to play again as part of a New Year's resolution."

Rehearsals take place in Dorchester this morning, and band leaders are keen to attract performers of all ages and abilities from every corner of the South West.

Mr Bond added: "We are a friendly group of people who enjoy producing music and per-

forming at local, national and international events. Although members ideally would be of grade five standard or above, we welcome all abilities, including novices, as tuition and the loan of instruments can be arranged."

The rehearsals are due to take place at the

Boy's Brigade Hall in Dorchester on Sunday January 11th and January 25th between 10am and 2.30pm.

Those interested in attending are asked to contact the band on 01308 425010 or email: enquiry@wessexmilitaryband.co.uk

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RNLI fundraiser recognised for his work

A LOCAL musician has been praised for his support and fundraising efforts for the Bridport and District branch of the RNLI.

Chris Deacon of Bridport band 'Acoustic Rooster' was presented with a framed certificate by Martin Newbury, chairman of the branch, at the RNLI's annual carols and Christmas songs event at the West Bay Hotel.

Mr Deacon has helped and performed at many of the RNLI's events throughout the years and continues to support the branch by donating money and taking part in many of the RNLI's fundraisers.

Jim Slade, a volunteer for the Bridport and District branch of the RNLI, said: "Chris has been involved with the Bridport and District branch of the RNLI for 20 years and his original nomination was because of his long service."

"He used to run The Quarterdeck bar and restaurant in West Bay where he would auction pictures and keep a collection box for the Bridport branch of the RNLI."

"Since he left The Quarterdeck he has performed at many events around Bridport in which he donates the money he makes back to the lifeboat."

by Lottie Welch
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"When we run events such as the raft race at West Bay and the barbecue at Seatown, he always does the public address work – he really is a non-stop worker."

"All of the things he has done for the branch resulted in our chairman presenting him with the certificate, he does a lot of work."

The event also raised £454 for the RNLI branch through a raffle and an auction.

One of the prizes up for grabs was to have the services of James Radcliffe, the West Bay harbour master, and Mark Collins, the West Bay Coastguards station officer, for a day, which went for £75 to local man Nigel Black.

Mr Deacon said: "The RNLI has always been close to my heart having a passion for sailing and, as a former Sea Scout leader for over 20 years, I became acutely aware of the value of the RNLI."

"I strongly believe that the RNLI is one of the most important of our national charities, the members of which selflessly risk their lives in all

weathers to save others and for me to receive an award for so little by comparison is a very

humbling experience.

"I cannot conceive there not ever being an RNLI and I am

proud just to have been involved, particularly with such a wonderful group of people in

the Bridport branch and urge others to volunteer their services for this worthy cause."



■ LOCAL musician Chris Deacon (right) of Acoustic Rooster, is awarded a certificate for all his work with the Bridport and District branch of the RNLI from Martin Newbury, chairman of the branch

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Having a ball

MORE than £3,000 has been raised towards the Friends of Julia's House charity support group, after a 'Black and White Ball' was held at Highlands End Holiday Park.

The event, which was sponsored by local businesses, included a raffle and auction that generated a grand total of £3,300 towards the Dorset children's hospice charity.

Chris and Judy Munden (pictured), who run the Bridport branch of the 'Friends' group, were on hand last week to present a cheque for the money to Brie Logan (centre), retail manager for Julia's House.

Community orchestra returns



MEMBERS of Bridport's West Dorset Community Orchestra are inviting new members to the group for the start of their new term later this month on Wednesday, January 14th.

The orchestra – which restarted in January 2012 after the original community orchestra was cut – is open to all ages and plays mainly light classical

and popular pieces, performing two concerts a year in aid of local charities.

The group, conducted by Walter Brewster and supported by string specialist Jane Brewster, meets at the Christian Fellowship Hall, at the rear of East Street car park, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm every Wednesday during term time.

New players are welcome and the first half term – five weeks – is free for newcomers.

For more information and to join the West Dorset Community Orchestra visit www.westdorsetmusic.org.uk or contact Walter Brewster at walter@westdorsetmusic.org.uk or call 07967 117012.



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Coastal callouts on the rise

COASTGUARD officers attended more than 50 incidents on the West Bay seafront last year – an increase of almost 20 per cent on the previous 12 months.

The team dealt with an average of one callout a week during 2014 and was involved in a number of major incidents over the course of the year.

Officers were out along the coast in all conditions last year, resolving a total of 52 incidents, ranging from missing ships to cliff falls.

The Coastguard played a key role in the evacuation of vulnerable residents from their seafront homes during the Valentine's Day storms in February, and later in the year crews were involved in the clean up of over 14 tonnes of tobacco washed up along the Jurassic Coast.

Officers said 2014 had been a "good year" for the team, with eight injured people successfully evacuated from the beaches, coastal paths and cliff tops, and another man rescued after his wheelchair became stuck in deep sand.

The Coastguard team was also called to three major cliff falls during the year, with two deaths recorded on the seafront.

In a report on the team's work in 2014, a spokesperson for the West Bay Coastguard said: "While most of the incidents we attend end very well, this year we also had to recover the bodies of two people who had lost their lives on our coastline. Our thoughts remain with their families and friends."

"We thank all those in the police, fire and ambulance services, and other agencies that we have worked with over the year, and a special thank you goes out to the friends, families and loved ones who support us in the work that we do, which can so often be disruptive to family life."

The team has also issued a reminder that the Coastguard can be contacted in the event of an emergency by dialling 999.

Community set to cash in on car boot scheme

by Jack Dixon
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COMMUNITY groups in the Bridport area will once again be able to bid for a vital cash boost through the Car Boot Fund, which opens to applicants next week.

The scheme generates money through weekly car boot sales in West Bay, with the proceeds distributed once a year to worthy causes in the local area.

A panel of councillors will determine where the cash ends up, with charities and community organisations able to bid for between £50 and £3,000 to support specific projects.

The bidding process will be launched

next Monday (January 12th) and applicants will have until the end of April to make their submissions, before the final decisions are made in July.

Councillor Gillian Summers, a town councillor and chairman of West Dorset District Council, said: "I have been pleased to be involved with distributing this money for over 13 years and have seen for myself the good that it does in the community."

"I look forward to seeing lots of applications again this year, meeting the recipients and hearing about their projects at the awards event in September."

Last year the scheme provided an important boost to a string of local groups including the Askers Meadow Nature Reserve, which received a £775 grant towards a project to transform a piece of derelict land into a shared community space.

Amateur historians in Powerstock also used a portion of the money to produce a portrait of the parish's 11 servicemen who died during the First World War.

Additional contributions were also handed out to scout groups, village halls and youth clubs, as well as projects at the Bridport Arts Centre, the West Bay Community Forum and Transition Town Bridport.

Emma Scott, community development officer at WDDC, added: "We are looking forward to hearing from a wide range of projects as usual which reflect how much good work is going on in our local communities."

This year's successful applicants will be invited to a celebration event at the Salthouse in West Bay in September to share news about their projects.



■ BENEFICIARIES of last year's Car Boot Fund met at the Salthouse in West Bay to celebrate their projects

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Car reduced to wreckage after roadside fire

A CAR was left completely destroyed at the side of the A35 last week, after an electrical fire sparked a major blaze.

Only the smouldering wreckage of the vehicle was left on the evening of Friday, January 2nd, and firefighters investigating the incident said the car was "100 per cent destroyed".

The driver escaped from the vehicle unhurt, but firefighters were unable to prevent the blaze causing severe damage to the car.

Crews were called to the scene, on the A35 near

to Woodlands Farm at Askerswell, shortly after 7pm on Friday evening, after a number of passing motorists had called in to report the incident.

Retained firefighters from the Bridport station arrived at the scene to find the Toyota Celica well alight, and officers closed the A35 for a short time while the blaze was brought under control.

After a subsequent investigation, officers determined that the fire had been caused by an electrical fault in the vehicle. The road was re-opened at around 7:50pm on Friday evening.



Only the wreckage of a car remained after an electrical fault caused a major fire on the A35 near Bridport last week

Commit to quit this new year, health bosses urge smokers

SMOKERS are being urged to stick to their new year's resolutions by pledging to "make tobacco history".

Public Health Dorset – a health partnership between local authorities – is encouraging smokers to "take action" in 2015 by sharing their reasons for quitting and signing up for support.

The 'Make Tobacco History' campaign hopes to give quitters a helping hand by recounting the inspirational stories of others who have given up cigarettes.

According to the campaign, almost 200 people a day in England have died from smoking-

related conditions over the last eight years – a total of 570,000 people.

It also points to the growing expense of cigarettes, arguing that the average smoker spends more than £2,500 a year on their habit.

Dr David Phillips, director of Public Health Dorset, said: "The story of smoking cigarettes is largely a story of the 20th century, when it is estimated that more than 100 million lives were lost as a result of smoking.

"Over the last 30 years, we have seen a dramatic reduction in the proportion of people who smoke and in many of our communities smoking is now quite

rare."

The campaign will run throughout January, with posters, radio adverts and social media messages targeted at smokers looking to quit.

And health bosses say making a pledge and signing up for support are more effective ways to stay on course than making a resolution in the new year.

Dr Phillips added: "Taking the next step to becoming an ex-smoker is no easy task, but by making a firm commitment, getting the right support, and by knowing you're not alone in trying to quit, your chances of being successful are greatly improved."

Join an indoor rounders team this year

WEST Dorset District Council (WDDC) is looking for new teams to join their indoor rounders league, starting at the end of January.

The indoor game is a six a side version of the outdoor game.

The league is being set up with financial assistance from Rounders England. The district council received a grant earlier this year and the council has already delivered rounders sessions to several groups in the area.

Throughout the country rounders is being played, and not just at school, but by parents, sports clubs and workplace teams. Indoor and outdoor competitions are proving to be very

popular and the district council hopes that the league will be a great way to bring people together at the end of a work day.

Councillor Robert Gould, WDDC leader said: "Participating in sport within the local community is a great way to meet new friends, socialise and help lead an active and healthy lifestyle.

"I would like to thank Rounders England for getting behind WDDC and supporting great community initiatives like this."

All fixtures will be played in Dorchester at St Osmund's community sports centre. The sports hall has a great viewing area so substitutes and other teams can

watch games taking place and socialise at the same time.

The new league will have limited places and the first six teams to complete and return the team registration will be allocated a place.

Teams can register up to 12 players but only six can play at any one time. Entries need to be received by January 8th.

If you would like to register a team or are interested in getting a team together and would like more information, visit dorset-foryou.com/rounders/west or please contact Sarah Davies on 01305 252263 or email sarah.davies@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk.

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Diverse Abilities celebrates 60th anniversary

ONE of Dorset's most deserving charities will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2015.

Diverse Abilities is the only charity in the county that supports children and adults with profound physical and/or learning disabilities and their families.

During 2015 the charity will proudly celebrate its 60th birthday

and recall how over six decades it has grown and now supports more than 600 children and adults across the county.

The charity was founded by Phyllis Edwards, now 97 but still involved with the charity today. Phyllis, and her husband John's, daughter Marilyn, was born in 1948 with cere-

bral palsy and it took two years for her disability to be diagnosed.

Phyllis was told, "put her away she will only be a cabbage," but she and John discovered a need for support for local families with disabled children.

Their letter published in a newspaper in 1955 received a number of

responses and within two months a group was formed for parents intent on providing better opportunities for children with physical and learning disabilities.

The first meeting was held in Phyllis's front room and the charity, known then as the Bournemouth, Poole & District Spastics Soci-

ety, was formed and a committee appointed.

Sixty years on the charity now supports more than 600 children and adults with disabilities across Dorset and enables them to reach their full potential through a range of services and is proud to offer a lifetime partnership to the people it supports.

The charity continues to support Marilyn, Phyllis' daughter, to this day. She lives in one of the charity's supported living bungalows and visits its day opportunities centre, Barnabas.

Phyllis Edwards, Diverse Abilities founder, said: "Looking at the charity now, it is remarkable to think that the whole organisation came into being as a result of a small advertisement in 1955.

"I am proud to have started such an amazing charity and I hope its work can continue long into the future so more people with disabilities flourish and live happy, independent lives."

As part of the 60th year celebrations Diverse Abilities is encouraging the local community to get involved with the charity and there are many ways that people of all ages can join the charity celebrations during its commemorative diamond year.

Diverse Abilities would like to hear from anyone who has been involved with the charity in the past, have memories or interesting stories.

They also want to hear from anyone who would like to challenge him or herself and help raise funds for the charity as part of its £60,000 fundraising target.

Opportunities include skydiving, abseiling, It's A Knockout, dragon boat racing and running.

Jenny Pearce, communications manager at Diverse Abilities, said: "We are very excited about our 60th anniversary year and looking forward to all the plans that are in place.

It costs the charity £16,000 per day to run, so taking part in our events and getting involved will really help make a difference and



■ **FOUNDER, Phyllis Edwards and her daughter, Marilyn**

people will be personally supporting the future of the charity.

"We have many events and initiatives planned in 2015,

there's definitely going to be something for everyone.

"If you would like to be involved, please do get in touch."

Please contact Jenny on (01202) 718266 or email jenny.pearce@diverseabilitiesplus.org.uk for more information.



■ **SPENCER McCarthy from Churchill with Katie Blake from Macmillan Cancer Support**

Churchill Retirement Living gives over £20k to Macmillan charity

MACMILLAN Cancer Support has been presented with a cheque for £21,749.81 from retirement developer, Churchill Retirement Living.

The company which has a home in Dorchester, took part in the annual World's Biggest Coffee Morning event.

Churchill colleagues and owners at Barnes Lodge all came together to brew, bake, drink, eat and raffle their way to exceed the £20,000 target.

In the south west region, Chairman and Group Managing Director, Spencer McCarthy, and Regional Managing Director, Martin Young, also donned pinnies and made tea and coffee for employees at Churchill's head office.

Mr McCarthy commented: "This is the sixth year Churchill has taken part in the World's Biggest Coffee

Morning and being able to present this cheque to Macmillan this week is a real pleasure as we know how vital such fundraising is to the work that they do. It also makes serving 115 cups of tea and coffee to the team at head office all the more worthwhile too!"

Katie Blake from Macmillan Cancer Support said: "We are so grateful to Churchill Retirement Living for choosing to support us again this year.

"The money raised will go towards supporting the two million people affected by cancer today, ensuring that no one will face cancer alone.

"Churchill have been fantastic supporters of Macmillan and are helping us be there for someone with cancer when they need us most. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved!"

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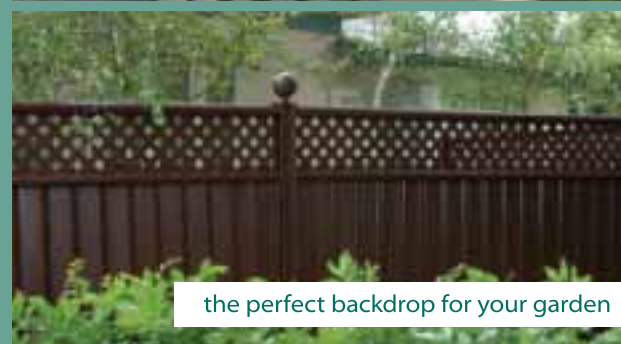
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Tito's book brings her story to life

Councillor offers funds to community groups

COMMUNITY groups in Bridport are being offered a chance to bid for funds from a new county council scheme.

For the first time last year, Dorset County Council set aside £5,000 for elected members to use in response to local need in their division.

Bridport representative Ros Kayes has decided to use her divisional fund for local community groups and projects that benefit the town's residents.

She said: "Some members have chosen to use the funds for specific and obviously needed projects, like speed safety cameras."

"But as I am not aware that there are any specific needs of that sort in Bridport, I thought it would be best for the community itself to tell me what it wanted and for me to set up a funding application process by which they could do so. We have two existing community funds in Bridport – the West Bay Car Boot Fund and the Bridport Town Council Community Fund – both of which award in the

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summer, so I thought it would be a good idea to make this available to our community groups in the winter."

She added: "The town council has agreed kindly to help with the decision making to keep everything open and transparent, and a cross party group of councillors will pass suggestions onto Dorset County Council officers who will approve the awards made."

The criteria and application form can be found at <http://bit.ly/14hR4g6>, collected from Bridport Town Council offices in Mountfield or by email from roskayes@gmail.com, and should be sent to: Ros Kayes, County Councillor, Bridport c/o Bridport Town Council, Mountfield, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3JP.

The closing date is February 6th with all the grants to be awarded by the beginning of April.

LOCAL author and musician, Tito Saunt, launched her new book 'Born in a Bamboo Hut' at Good Books in Bridport last month.

'Born in a Bamboo Hut' tells the true story of her parents lives in Burma during the war as medical missionaries, her memories of her childhood and information she found out about them when she was older.

She has made a third-scale replica of a bamboo hut, which was at the launch at the Good Books Christian bookshop in Gundry Lane, and her family members played live music for the visitors while she signed copies of her book.

Tito Saunt is also a musician who offers music courses to children and it was through telling the students on the courses her story that inspired her to publish the book.

Jenny Saunt, Tito's daughter, said: "Her parents were medical missionaries in Burma during the war, working in the depths of the jungle to treat people with illnesses

"Born in a Bamboo Hut is her story of them, her memories and information she found out when she was older.

"She would tell the stories to the students on her music courses and they loved them, so she decided to write the book for her grandchildren.

"She is selling it to raise money for ebola and copies which have been put

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in local churches are available for a donation."

"She is also hoping to take the hut she made into local schools to help tell her story and for it to be used in history,

art and maths lessons to help aid pupils' learning."

'Born in a Bamboo Hut' is available from Good Books Christian bookshop in Gundry Lane.

■ LOCAL author and musician, Tito Saunt, with her grandchildren and the bamboo hut she made, at the launch of her book 'Born in a Bamboo Hut'



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Ropemakers Publympics

BRIDPORT residents put an end to their Boxing Day blues by taking part in competitive 'Olympic' games with a twist at The Ropemakers on West Street.

The Ropemakers annual 'Publympics' on December 26th involved teams competing in a range of Olympic-themed games to be awarded bronze, silver or gold.



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ABOVE: The Show Jumping Human Croquet involved a blindfolded team member being directed to the numbered hoops in the pub

RIGHT: Teams took part in a Shot Putt themed game, throwing objects at a target to receive the most points

TOP RIGHT: Winners of this year's Ropemakers Publympics, Zak, Tim and Hazel Hurn, who made up the Cuttlefish Crew

Games including a 400m five-legged race had teams pushing and shoving through the pub as they desperately tried to win points, Ice Dancing Musical Statues, and Show Jumping Human Croquet, which involved one team member being blindfolded and another directing them through hoops to the finish line.

A total of six teams took part but it was the 'Cuttlefish Crew' that took home the gold medals, with 'Turkey Leftovers' coming in close behind and 'Bogtrotting Scallywags' being awarded bronze.

Geraldine Baker, landlady at The Ropemakers, said: "It is the second year we have done it, as Boxing Day was fun in Bridport but it has gone a bit quiet, so we thought we would put back the fun."

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Celebrity Training

Bridport residents launch fitness website 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers'

LOCAL business owners and fitness entrepreneurs Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill have launched a new fitness venture with fashion and television personality Sam Faiers entitled 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers'.

Bridport residents Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill have developed 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' as an all inclusive health and fitness website focused on you getting the best results at home with your computer, smartphone or tablet. Renowned personal trainer Nicole Attrill and Sam Faiers head up the exercise tutorials with fun and challenging workouts for you to do at anytime, anywhere.

It's packed full of tutorials, advice and tips to help maximize your workout and get you that healthy, strong and dream body! Whether your goal is to get fitter, slimmer, stronger or more toned, Celebrity Training is your new personal trainer to help get you results and best news is – it can all be done from the comfort of your own home!

Filled with exclusive content it's also completely bespoke, you can send pictures of your improvement and target graphs are there to help see your progression! 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' also has a food and diet section with recommendations from healthy eating expert Sophie Bradshaw.

'Celebrity Training with Sam' directors Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill comment:

'We are thrilled to be launching our new business venture 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' next year, it's a great website and we have worked hard to make sure the workouts are challenging and fun at the same time. Launching our website with Sam Faiers is brilliant as she pushes herself and has seen

results from training with Nicole and is looking forward to sharing this with her fans.'

Fashion and television personality Sam Faiers adds: "I am really excited to be working with Luke and Nicole on our project 'Celebrity Training with Sam

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- Brown leaner mince when making spaghetti bolognese or chilli, then drain off any fat before adding other ingredients.
- Choose desserts and dressings that are lower in fat.
- Use semi-skimmed, 1% fat or skimmed milk instead of whole milk.
- Swap sugary cereals for plain ones like porridge or wholegrain wheat biscuits.
- Use less sugar and salt, and try not to add salt to food when cooking.

Break the boozing

- If you tend to have a drink at a certain time, break the habit by doing something different at that time.
- If you drink every day, try to have at least two days a week when you don't drink at all.
- Pace yourself by sipping slowly, and space your drinks out - have a soft drink or glass of water in between.
- Have a smaller bottle of beer instead of a can, or a single instead of a double.
- Swap your usual for a drink with less alcohol, which may be cheaper and often has less calories.

Active ideas

- Walk or cycle to work, school and/or the shops.
- Use the stairs instead of the lift.
- Dance madly to your favourite songs in the kitchen.
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2015 fitness trends

LONG gone are the days when exercising meant going for a jog or heading to the local aerobics class.

These things still exist of course, but not quite in the same way - aerobics now means a long list of pump-it/dance-it/blast-it/shake-it-to-the-beat variations, there are all sorts of fancy gizmos and disciplines for strengthening up and, while jogging might still essentially be the same, look at how many people are now 'training' for an event, monitoring progress on smartphones and investing in the latest gravity-defying trainers.

Certainly, we're spoilt for choice these days when it comes to how we exercise. 2014 saw high-intensity interval training [HIIT] become mainstream, 'personal bests' are something everybody - not just pro athletes - think about, and getting-my-sweat-on overtook pouting-on-a-night-out as the social media selfie of choice.

According to the trend forecasters, there's more to come in 2015.

"We've all become more serious about sports and recognised that we might actually improve our performance if we trained specifically for the event," says leading personal trainer Matt Roberts. "It's taken a while, but following advice

experts have given for years is now on-trend and set to continue. Blame/thank the rise of triathlon and cycling, and their physical and technical demands..."

Indeed, 'fit not thin' was the mantra for 2014, with toned, healthy and strong overtaking catwalk-skinny as the most bandied body ideal (hurrah!). But how we look isn't the only fitness reward we cherish; how it makes us feel is important too.

"Working out now isn't just for the sake of it, and it's not just for aesthetics," adds Roberts. "A trek, mountain climb, triathlon, duathlon or any of the other events available are becoming the norm. Find a new goal, make it big, the world is your oyster and nothing is going to stop you in 2015!"

Personal fulfilment, improved mental and physical health, camaraderie and supporting charity campaigns all feature on our list of motivations for pursuing challenges too. On a day-to-day scale, against a backdrop of obesity epidemic headlines and rising rates of stress and depression, each and every one of us can benefit from being active.

Time and convenience top the list

"We're increasingly time poor," says Dave Kyle, head trainer for Les Mills UK. "We're working longer hours than ever, so finding time to work out can be increasingly difficult."

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Swimming is also a great family activity and the Big Fish Swim School kids' lessons could also help your little ones get a head start in the water. The Big Splash Inflatable session on Saturdays provides a fun hour for the kids to burn off some steam and go wild. On Sundays the Big Splash Fun sessions offer fun for all the family; both pools are filled with a variety of fun floats, mats, woggles and toys for everyone to enjoy.

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CASANOVA IN LOVE

Pip Utton brings his new
show to Broadwindsor

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Saturday 10 Jan

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DA Blues:

**Becca Langsford
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**Sunday 11 Jan**

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

**Ansell & Gretel**

4-6pm

Durnovaria Wine Bar,  
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DORCHESTER

**Bernardo playing  
Continental Guitar**

4-6pm

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Friday 16 Jan

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT

**Elaine Davies and
Philip Clouts**

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**Saturday 17 Jan**

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Sunday 18 Jan

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Richard Kennedy

4-6pm

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**Saturday 24 Jan**

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

**The Esplanades**

9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
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Re-loved Vintage & Tea  
Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill,  
DORCHESTER

**Bernardo playing  
Vintage Guitar**

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advised - 01305 257070.

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Sunday 25 Jan

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# ELAINE DAVIES WILL WOW WITH HER VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL PROWESS

VOCALIST Elaine Davies is also a multi-instrumentalist, playing saxophone, flute and clarinet, and the audience will be able to experience all of these at the Bridport Arts Centre Jazz Café on Friday, January 16th. (She also plays the piano but this role will be filled on this occasion by the jazz café impresario Philip Clouts).

Elaine appeared on prime time TV during the many years that she was with the Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra, and when she eventually moved to Devon she played in the Algy Davies Quartet, supporting many visiting national jazz musicians.

Elaine Davies is the musical director of the Carlton Big Band and the Carlton Swing Band. She also has her own jazz quartet, is a woodwind teacher in Devon, and a jazz educator. She plays the lead tenor saxophone in both bands as well as being a vocalist in the band.

Elaine is from the West Midlands and is a multi-instrumentalist. She started playing piano at the age of seven, clarinet at eleven, and saxophone since she was fifteen, then the flute at eighteen. She is also a classically trained singer, and joined Opera South West when she came to the West Country, enjoying playing such prestigious leading roles such as Bizet's 'Carmen' at Buckland Abbey.

Instead of touring with the Ivy Benson Band, she chose instead to come to Plymouth to take up a Head of Music teaching position. She first got the bug for jazz when she started doing jazz

club gigs in Birmingham with her saxophone teacher, Mike Burney, (Lead tenor saxophonist in Syd Lawrence Orchestra) while still at school.

Having tuition from Don Rendell at Whitley Hall, Sheffield, and master classes from Alan Wakeman and Stan Sultzman at Glamorgan College, Elaine soon became passionate about playing jazz. She was a member of the original Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra for many years, on lead tenor, making an album with Kenny Baker and the band, and appearing on prime time TV with MYJO.

Since moving to Plymouth, she met her first husband Lloyd (Algy) Davies at a jazz club. He was a superb jazz trombonist and Elaine played saxophone and flute in the Algy Davies Sextet, which often featured stars such as Don Rendell, Dick Pearce, Harry Beckett and Bobby Wellins. Elaine has played with many other bands such as Tour De Force, Joey The Lips, Soul Station and various jazz bands, and supports the Cavitron Fund by playing saxophone at their Fundraising Luncheons. She is kept busy being a bandleader and saxophonist, and teaching woodwind instruments in schools.

Elaine Davies will sing and play a variety of well loved jazz from the "Great American Songbook, on Friday, January

16th at 8pm at Bridport Arts Centre. Tickets are £10 available from the box office on 01308 424204 or online at [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)



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## Feelgood 40s swing

# HITS FROM THE BLITZ

HITS From The Blitz, the unique feel-good 1940s show, as featured at the Leicester Square Theatre, London, will be swinging into the Comrades Hall, Broadwindsor, on Sunday, January 11th.

The show, which starts at 7.30pm, will have you singing along to famous war-time tunes brought to life by the singers and multi-instrumentalists of the Five Star Swing band, as seen at Dame Vera Lynn's Charity Gala Nights.

"Superb, they swing like crazy!" -says the BBC's Sheila Tracy.

Featuring Simone from the latter days of the Ivy Benson Orchestra plus Chris Smith (Jnr) composer and arranger for Glenn Miller's Brother, Herb and the BBC Radio Big Band. This show will soon sell-out - book early to avoid disappointment!

Tickets are £8 (seated at tables with bar available) are available from the box office on 01308 868368.



Vocalist and saxophonist Simone



## This week's new cinema



TAKEN 3 12A

EX-GOVERNMENT operative Bryan Mills is accused of a ruthless murder he never committed or witnessed. As he is tracked and pursued, Mills brings out his particular set of skills to find the true killer and clear his name.

Stars Liam Neeson, Forest Whitaker and Maggie Grace.

### INTO THE WOODS PG

A WITCH tasks a childless baker and his wife with procuring magical items from classic fairy tales to reverse the curse put on their family tree.

Stars Anna Kendrick, Meryl Streep, James Corden, Emily Blunt and Chris Pine.

### FOXCATCHER 15

THE greatest Olympic Wrestling Champion brother team joins Team Foxcatcher led by multimillionaire sponsor John E. du Pont as they train for the 1988 games in Seoul - a union that leads to unlikely circumstances.

Stars Steve Carell, Channing Tatum and Mark Ruffalo.

## Cinema Listings

Friday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - Thurs, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>  
ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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### The Theory of Everything 12A

Fri-Sun, Tue, Thu: 16.50, 19.50  
Mon: 15.30

Wed: 13.50, 16.50, 19.50

### Paddington PG

Sat & Sun: 14.20

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### The Woman in Black: Angel of Death 15

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00, 18.25, 20.45, Sat & Sun: 14.45, 18.25, 20.45

### Exodus: Gods and Kings 12A

Daily: 13.20, 16.40, 19.50

### The Theory of Everything 12A

Daily: 12.15, 15.00, 17.45, 20.30

### Birdman 15

Fri, Tue, Wed: 14.45, 17.00, 19.40

Sat, Sun: 17.00, 19.40

Mon: 14.15, 17.30, Thu: 14.15, 17.00

### The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 12A

Daily: 13.10, 16.20, 19.30

### Paddington PG

Fri, Mon, Wed: 13.55, 16.10, Sat: 11.40, 13.55, 16.10

Sun: 10.40, 12.55, 15.10

Tue, Thu: 16.10

### Night At The Museum: Secret of the Tomb PG

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.10, 17.40, Sat: 12.40, 17.40, Sun: 11.20, 13.40

### Annie PG

Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.00

Sat: 12.05, 15.00

Sun: 12.05, 17.25

### Penguins of Madagascar U

Sat: 10.30am

### Dolphin Tale 2 U

Sat & Sun: 11.00am

### Frozen PG

Sat & Sun: 10.40am

### The House of Magic U

Sat & Sun: 10.10am

### Unbroken 15

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00

### Foxcatcher 15

Daily: 14.35, 17.30, 20.25

plus Sat & Sun: 11.40am

### Into The Woods PG

Daily: 14.25, 17.15, 20.05

plus Sat & Sun: 11.35am

### Taken 3 12A

Daily: 13.30, 16.00, 18.30, 20.00, 21.00

plus Sat & Sun: 11.00am

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Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00

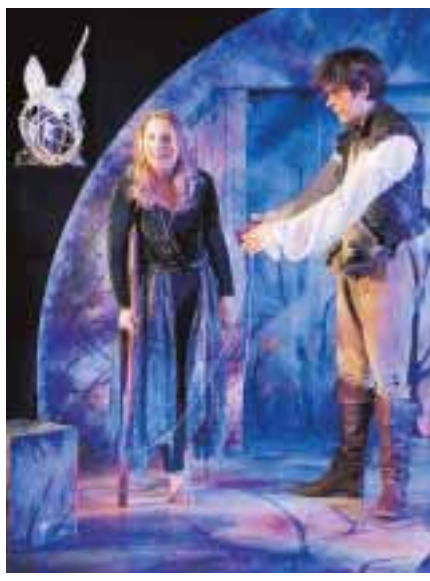
## A magical adventure for all the family

IN LONG ago England, amidst tranquil fields and meadows stands the tiny Hamlet of Wall. On the edge of the town, guarded around the clock, a stone wall separates the quiet town from the magical land of Faerie. Here, a young man has lost his heart and mind to the hauntingly beautiful Victoria Forester. And then, in the dead of night, a shooting star falls and breaches the wall of his love, sending him on the adventure of a lifetime.

In the luminescent glow of this star he will battle witches, sorcery, and fate, before finding his hearts true desire.

Forest Forge, the award-winning Hampshire based theatre company, have been entrusted with touring the world premiere of a stage adaptation of Neil Gaiman's classic Stardust. This wonderful family adventure was famously made into a film starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert De Niro in 2007. Packed full of eccentric characters, hilarious and thrilling moments, haunting music, magic and mayhem, this promises to be another special and unmissable seasonal show.

Forest Forge Theatre perform 'Stardust' on Wednesday, January 14th, at 7.30pm at Toller Porcum Village Hall, for more details call 01300 320373. The show then comes to West Lulworth Village Hall on Friday, January 23rd at 7.30pm, for more details call 01929 400790.



## Casanova in Love

SO FAMOUS (or infamous) is the name of Casanova that it has gone into our dictionaries to describe men who are, for want of a better word, 'popular' with women.

Pip Utton, a firm favourite on the Artsreach circuit, has produced spellbinding performances over recent years, including 'Churchill', 'Chaplin' and 'Charles Dickens'. However, it's Casanova's story that this acclaimed performer has wanted to explore for some time. Now in a brand new play, Pip manages to fuse theatre and the spoken word with dance, to bring an added element to the story. Pip obviously plays Casanova, and has almost all the dialogue, but is also joined on stage by a young contemporary French dancer Marguerite Chaigne who, though few words to say, portrays all six of his conquests.

Comic and moving, surprising and beautiful Casanova is a totally entertaining piece of theatre. Welcome to Casanova's memories, his dreams, his conquests and his broken hearts, his highs and his lows, his triumphs and his defeats and, of course, his seduction secrets.

'Casanova in Love comes to Broadwindsor Comrades Hall on Friday, January 23rd at 7.30pm. For more details call 01308 867644.



## Comedy Network launches at the Palace

ON A COLD winter's night, there's nothing like a good belly laugh and January 2015 sees the launch of the Electric Palace's new Comedy Network.

The first event, on Friday, January 9th, features Jarlath Regan, Adam Hess and Mark Smith.

Award winning comedian and writer for Russell Howard's Good News and the hit Irish panel show, The Panel, Jarlath Regan has gained a reputation with the industry and audiences for his uplifting, inventive and relentlessly funny stand-up, enjoying sell-out runs at the Fringe since 2007. A finalist in both the BBC and Channel 4 New Comedy Awards, Jarlath's first published book How To Break Bad News was an instant best-seller. It gained many celebrity fans including Ardal O'Hanlon who called it "Original, funny and deliciously wrong!" Jarlath's second book Putting A Ring On It - What Not To Do When Attempting To Get Married became a cult hit in his homeland.

Adam Hess (winner of Chortle Student Comedy Award 2011) is well-known for his surreal one-liners and prolific writing talents, having written for TV regulars such as Sean Walsh and Chris Ramsey. Adam has also become widely known for his unique brand of comedy on Twitter and in the last two years has accrued tens of thousands of followers from the jokes he posts there alone. The BBC even filmed a selection of his tweets as sketches starring him as one of their 'Feed My Funny' videos.

Mark Smith (Russell Howard's Good News, MTV) has been performing stand-up regularly since 2008 and has rapidly established himself as one of the most interesting and exciting comics on the circuit. Since reaching the final of 'So You Think You're Funny' in 2009, Mark has gigged all over the UK, is a regular MC and has broken into television to present for MTV2 and to write and perform for 'Dick and Dom's Funny Business' on BBC Two. When Mark is not gigging he is the warm-up for shows such as Have I Got News For You and Room 101 (both BBC1).

There's more comedy at the Electric Palace the following week when Sara Pascoe, one of Britain's funniest women, will be on stage on Saturday, January 17th. A week later, the Electric Palace's second comedy network, featuring Gareth Richards, Phil Wang, Kieran Boyd, takes place on Friday, January 23rd.

Full details of all Electric Palace shows coming up in 2014 can be found at [www.electricpalace.org.uk](http://www.electricpalace.org.uk)

35 South Street, Bridport, Dorset DT6 3NY

Friday 9 January  
**COMEDY NETWORK**  
featuring Jarlath Regan,  
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7:15pm Doors, 8:15pm Start  
£10 + bf advance / £12 on door

Saturday 17 January  
**Sara Pascoe**  
**SARA PASCOE vs HISTORY**  
Jess Fostekew supporting  
7pm Doors/8pm Start  
£12 + bf advance / £14 on door

Thursday 22 January  
**National Theatre Live:**  
**TREASURE ISLAND**  
Doors 6pm Start 7pm  
£10 + bf / £12 + bf on door

Friday 23 January  
**COMEDY NETWORK**  
featuring Gareth Richards,  
Phil Wang and Kieran Boyd  
7:15pm Doors, 8:15pm Start  
£10 + bf advance / £12 on door

Coming soon: Bridport Pantomime Players present Cinderella,  
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## View 2 Diary Dates

### THURSDAY JANUARY 8TH

**DORCHESTER:** Plant Heritage Dorset Group AGM at 7pm, followed by a light-hearted but not so easy horticultural quiz – 'Plants, Places and People' presented by Martin Young, in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College near Dorchester. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). Details from Rob on 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 9TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis U3A - Coffee/tea at 10am at the Woodmead Hall, followed at 11am by a talk by Bruce Upton of Bridport Museum. A light-hearted look at how advertising has developed, using the "Bridport News" of a 100 years go, 20th century iconic adverts and politically incorrect specimens from the 1950s onwards. U3A Members free, visitors £2.

### MONDAY JANUARY 12TH

**BEAMINSTER:** Beaminster Moviola presents 'Pride' At Beaminster Public Hall. Doors open 7pm, film from 7.30pm. Tickets available from Yarn Barton £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door. For more details call 01308 861378.

**BURTON BRADSTOCK:** Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. £7 each (concs available - just ask). 7.15pm for 7.30pm at Othona Community, Coast Road, DT6 4RN. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit biodanza-bridport.co.uk

**DORCHESTER:** The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship meeting in the Lecture Theatre, Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester will start at 2.30 pm when Marion Biles will give a talk on her year as Mayoress. New members welcome. Membership fee of £3.50 is now due.

**EYPE:** Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14TH

**DORCHESTER:** Elvis Day at Age UK Dorchester. Exhibition of memorabilia on show including records, movie posters, books and a slideshow of photos from Tupelo, Memphis and Nashville. Lots of music and a few surprises. Exhibition from 10am-11.30am. Coffee and cookies will be included in the entrance fee of £1.50. In the afternoon at the Evergreen Cinema there will be a special showing of 'Blue Hawaii'. The cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits will be served during the screen, for just £1.50, and ice creams also available. For more details call 01305 269444.

### THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH

**EYPE:** Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

**DORCHESTER:** A talk will be given for the South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group at St George's Church Hall, Fordington, Dorchester at 7.45pm. The talk will be given by Martin Cade, Portland Bird Observatory Manager. Martin talks about the work of the Bird Observatory on the unique strange and compelling island of Portland. Admission £3 members, Visitors £3.50 to include coffee and biscuits.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 16TH

**BROADMAYNE:** Market 2-3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Nigel Clarke, Luftwaffe Aerial Photography of the 2nd World War, at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm.

**CHARMOUTH:** Bingo at St Andrew's Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Raffle, draw board and licensed bar.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH

**UPLYME:** Jumble Sale at Uplyme Village Hall, 2pm. In aid of Royal British Legion Women's Section. For more details call 01297 442435.

### MONDAY JANUARY 19TH

**EYPE:** Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

### TUESDAY JANUARY 20TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2pm-4pm at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. A

## New year, new historical dance class

HOW are you feeling after days of enjoying good food, partying or watching television? Would you like some exercise, trying something different that stretches muscles and mind? Why not try historical dance?

Starting on January 22nd, the classes take place every fourth Thursday from 7.30pm to 10.30pm. The Town Hall is above the Corn Exchange and you can park near the entrance in North Square. Cost is £6 (£5 concessions) which gets you 3 hours of expert tuition, exercise for body and brain, and a cuppa with like-minded new friends.

Tutor Ann Hinchliffe trains with Dolmetsch Historical Dance Society and the Early Dance Circle, whose experts appeared before Christmas on BBC Four with Len Goodman and Dr Lucy Worsley. "I've danced ceilidh and morris for years," she says. "I wondered where the dances came from, so I began studying with Dolmetsch. Now I'm the historical dancing master at Barrington Court, a National Trust property where we dance in the Tudor Great Hall. I'm looking forward to running the class in Dorchester where there's such a treasury of history and music."

Dances will cover several centuries during each session, from Renaissance galliards to Jacobean country dances and Regency cotillions. "The dances are musical aerobics, as in the days before central heating," explains Ann. "We warm up with gentle steps, then tackle one complex dance each session. Since 2015 is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, this year's focus will be on Regency dances." Is that what we saw in the Jane Austen films? "Yes, but faster. Dances in films have to be slowed down for actors to speak their lines while they move. People are often surprised by how energetic the originals are."

Dorset has other historical dancers: Libby Goodchild's Tuesday evening class at Dorchester Ballet School, Yeo Historical Dancers who practise at Sherborne, and until recently Ring of Eight. The new group, however, is not a performance team. So: no costume needed, but comfortable loose clothes and flexible footwear. You don't have to bring a partner, you don't need previous experience, you don't have to commit yourself to more than one session. Just turn up at Dorchester Town Hall and prepare to be challenged.

For more details call Ann Hinchliffe on 01935 472771 or email samedifference@live.co.uk.



Dancers in the Great Hall, Barrington Court, near Ilminster

## One man Dracula show in Wootton

BEWARE. He is coming. Keep your windows locked and gather in the garlic.

The team that brought you the award-winning 'Great Expectations' have got their teeth into Bram Stoker's classic tale of the vampire. "outrageously versatile" actor David Mynne brings you a one-man performance of Dracula. Blood and bats. Garlic and gore. Lunatics and flies. Sexy lady vampires. Coffins, crypts and the Count

himself. They're all here in this brand-new adaptation of Bram Stoker's gothic pot-boiler. Be warned: this monstrous, disturbing and completely batty tale of dark deeds and the Undead, will thrill and seduce you! Suitable for adults and older children (12+)

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This show will tour with Art-scream, who this year are celebrating 25 years of bringing live

professional performances to rural Dorset.

David Mynne brings 'Dracula' to Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall on Thursday, February 12th at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm).

Tickets are £8 (U18s £6) from Box Office Box at The Charmouth Practice.

For information and advanced cheques call 01297 560948 or visit the website at [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)

### Fitness, health and wellbeing



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4.30-5.15pm **4-11YR OLDS TRAMPOLINING COURSE**  
4.45-6.00pm **SILKS AERIAL COURSE 11-16YR OLDS**  
5.15-6.15pm **PILATES**  
6.00-7.15pm **SILKS AERIAL COURSE ADULTS (16+)**  
6.30-7.30pm **CIRCUITS**  
7.45-8.30pm **GROUP STUDIO CYCLING**

#### TUESDAY

6.30-7.30pm **ZUMBA**

#### WEDNESDAY

4.00-6.00pm **GYMNASIICS**  
6.00-6.45pm **GROUP STUDIO CYCLING**  
6.00-7.00pm **BFIT RUNNING CLUB**  
7.00-8.00pm **BACK 2 NETBALL CLUB**  
8.00-9.30pm **VOLLEYBALL**

#### THURSDAY

6.30-7.30pm **KETTLERCISE**

#### FRIDAY

6.00-7.0pm **SILKS MIXED CLASS**

Many more new classes to come - watch this space!

For further information on classes and courses please call Richard on 07792 791038 or 01308 861911

### Social club

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Saturday 10th January

## BINGO

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Happy New Year  
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### THURSDAY JANUARY 22nd

**BEAMINSTER:** Dr Lucy Goodison will give an illustrated talk, entitled 'Sexuality and the goddess' to the One World Forum in the Strode Room, (next to St Mary's Church) at 7.30pm. Visitor's entry remains at £4 which includes tea/coffee/biscuit.

**EYPE:** Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

**BRIDPORT:** Talk: 'T.S. Eliot Life and Work' by Graham Fawcett at Sladers Yard, 6.30pm. Tickets £10 or £15 with support. Call 01308 459511 for more details or to book.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 24th

**WEYMOUTH:** Friends of Weymouth Library present 'Smuggling Tales from Dorset & Hampshire' a talk by ex-Yettie Bonny Sartin. At the library, from 10.30am. £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members. Includes refreshments.

**BRIDPORT:** Bring and Buy Coffee Morning, Tombola, Raffles etc at St Mary's Church House, South Street, 10.30am-12.30pm. All proceeds from this coffee morning will go to the National Osteoporosis Society. A chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee.

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**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis. A follow up to Jake Winkle's demonstration on painting wildlife in watercolour. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28th

**UPLYME:** Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society meeting. Alice Holden runs a small team growing organic food on a two acre site in Dagenham, east of London, and will be telling us how it was set up on a derelict industrial site and now runs successfully. The talk title is "Grown in Dagenham". 7.30pm at Uplyme Village Hall.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 30th

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Seascape, Open PDI, and Print competitions. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1st

**DORCHESTER:** Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at The Borough Gardens at 3pm.

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5th

**BRIDPORT:** Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Bridport United Church at 11.30am.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7th

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Ceilidhs featuring "Jigs for Gigs" with caller Simon Maplesden, at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street. Bring and Share finger food supper, with soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30-11pm dance. Tickets £8.50 on the door but numbers will be limited for comfortable dancing so better in advance for £7.50 from Bridport Music Shop and Jaxsons Delicatessen; or call to reserve with organiser Monty (on 01308 423442). See [www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com](http://www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com)





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## The Power To Captivate

Ahead of the 2015 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit, Infiniti raises the curtain on its vision of a premium sports coupe.

The striking Q60 Concept is poised to entice coupe fans with its sharp contours and hand-crafted interior, while at the same time suggesting performance and power to match. Result: a no-compromise fusion of looks and speed.

The Q60 Concept sits low and wide in a road-hugging stance hinting at exceptional dynamics and driving pleasure.

While the Q60 Concept is fresh and original, it evokes a sense of déjà vu at times with whiffs and traces of the Q80 Inspiration (shown this past October at the Paris Motor Show) evident in its finest details.

The audaciously low roofline and quilted leather seats remind one of the elegant full-size Q80 Inspiration, while the aerodynamic gills behind the front wheel arches are inherited from the Q50 Eau Rouge sports saloon concept.

"The Q80 Inspiration was an indication of Infiniti's future design language," said Alfonso Albaisa, Infiniti Executive Design Director. "The Q60 Concept is the next step in the journey."

"The sweeping lines of the Q80 Inspiration gave the Q60 Concept its coupe silhouette and looks while the Formula One-inspired touches from the Q50 Eau Rouge endowed the coupe with its sports personality."

The visual excitement in the edgy lines of the concept is set off by the custom 21-inch wheels which take up the entire wheel arch. Inspired by jet turbine blades, the black spokes in a combination of mattes and chromes stretch to the edge of the wheel, further emphasising how "planted" the car is.

The high-quality ambience inside speaks of Infiniti's meticulous attention to detail, clearly evident from the impeccable hand-stitched leather to the precise treatment of the carbon fibre accents.

Infiniti designers use a variety of leathers

on the seats to provide just the perfect balance of comfort and support as befits a premium sports coupe. They also make the Q60 Concept a genuine "2+2" coupe by giving rear passengers more legroom through the use of genuine sport seats.

As a foreshadowing of the next generation of Infiniti's premium sports coupe, the Q60 Concept makes use of taut lines and sports car cues to convey exceptional stance and presence.

See the Q60 Concept in the metal when Infiniti holds its 2015 NAIAS press conference at 8:10am on Tuesday, January 13th.



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## 2015 Mazda CX-5 - Upgraded Standard Equipment



▲ 2015 Mazda CX-5, EU Spec

THE 2015 Mazda CX-5 upgraded model goes on sale in the UK in spring this year. Priced from £22,295 to £30,595 on-the-road (OTR), the 16-strong model range features significant interior trim and standard equipment specification upgrades, as well as exterior enhancements.

The 2015 Mazda CX-5 model range is available in three grades; SE-L, SE-L Lux and Sport Nav. The range comprises three 2.0 litre petrol two-wheel drive variants equipped with six-speed manual transmissions, and thirteen 2.2 litre diesel versions - six of which are available with all-wheel drive - fitted with a choice of six

speed manual or automatic transmissions.

'No other vehicle in the Mazda range demonstrates the value of SKYACTIV technology more clearly than the Mazda CX-5' commented Mazda UK Sales Director, Peter Allibon. 'It has allowed the company to build a Compact SUV that delivers outstanding fuel economy and low CO2 emissions without compromising either performance or driving dynamics. And now, for 2015, significant enhancements and standard equipment upgrades make the Mazda CX-5 more price-competitive than ever before.'

The standard equipment specification of

every model in the CX-5 line-up has been enhanced through the addition of manual front passenger seat height adjustment, an electronic parking brake, a coming/leaving home headlamp function, and the company's Multimedia Commander with separate volume dial for safe, intuitive interactivity and infotainment control.

A new 7-inch, full-colour, centre console touch-screen incorporates DAB radio, two ports for USB connectivity and MZD Connect. Paired with a smartphone, MZD Connect makes it easier to take advantage of functions such as internet connectivity and access to social networking services.

Top-of-the-range Sport Nav models benefit from new exterior features including 19-inch Gunmetal alloy wheels, LED headlamps including LED daytime running lights, and LED foglamps.

On board, an already comprehensive Sport Nav standard equipment specification is further bolstered by a new Integrated Navigation system which offers greater accuracy, improved search features and three years of free map updating.

SE-L Lux and Sport Nav grade options now include Stone Leather upholstery (in lieu of black), whilst the Sport Nav options list further benefits from Mazda Radar Cruise Control, and an evolution of the Safety Pack which incorporates several newly-developed technologies.

Adaptive LED headlamps (ALH) automatically adjust the array of high beam illumination to avoid dazzling the occupants of both oncoming and preceding vehicles, without the need to switch to low beam lighting.

The Lane-keep Assist System (LAS) with Driver Attention Alert (DAA) builds on the existing Lane Departure Warning system, providing steering wheel vibration and assisted steering if the driver strays from the middle of the chosen lane. Having first learned the owners driving style, DAA operates at speeds of over 40mph, alerting drivers to take a break if it detects a degra-

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Since its launch in 2007, the current Mazda2 has won over the Supermini segment with its styling flair, engaging driving dynamics and generous equipment specification levels. Embodying the model's energy and spirit, the Black Edition and White Edition bring more than a dash of extra urban chic to the Mazda2 line-up with sporting styling cues and a host of unique specification features.

"The Mazda2 Black Edition and White Edition represent a last chance for our customers to get their hands on a unique version of the current 5-door Mazda2," said Mazda UK Sales Director, Peter Allibon. "As with every Mazda special edition model, they combine bespoke exterior and interior styling with a lavish standard equipment specification, offering customers stand-out in-

dividuality and outstanding value for money."

A choice of bold, Jet Black Mica or Crystal White Pearlescent exterior colours is complemented by bespoke, diffuser-style rear bumper trim, a Jet Black rear spoiler and power-operated, heated folding door mirrors, rear privacy glass, 15-inch Dark Grey alloy wheels, unique Black Edition and White Edition badging, and the no-cost option of striking, colour-coded bonnet and roof stripe graphics.

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## Local football round-up

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Beaten but not disgraced - all-conquering  
Barrington just too strong for Netherbury

## RESULTS

**Saturday, December 27th**  
**CORONATION CUP FINAL**  
Combe Res 3  
Shepton Beauchamp 6 (aet)  
(at Millwey Rise FC)

**PERRY STREET LEAGUE**  
**Division One Cup Final**

**BARRINGTON 3 NETHERBURY 1**

(Saturday, January 3rd at Misterton)  
BARRINGTON continued their seemingly inevitable march to an unprecedented quartet of trophies with victory over a plucky Netherbury side at Misterton on Saturday.

Both teams came into the game in magnificent form with Barrington unbeaten all season and Netherbury having won their last eight on the spin.

After some questionable choices for cup final venues in recent years, PSDL officials' decision to stage the game at Misterton was fully justified with the vast majority of other matches in the region washed out and the Unity Lane surface in decent shape.

Barrington took the game to the Ambers from the off. In the first minute pacey front man Tom Perry fired into the side netting. Then centre-back Sam Spurway showed great technique to chest the ball down before swivelling well and forcing a fine low save from keeper Rob Harp.

Soon after Harp went full stretch to turn a Guy Dare shot around the post.

But the parity couldn't last and it was no surprise in the 17th minute when impressive left-back Dan Rolandson skipped over a couple of challenges before reaching the byline and crossing for Perry to slot the ball home.

At this stage Netherbury, in their third final in this competition in the last six seasons, were largely limited to efforts from corner kicks which were dealt with well by Barrington keeper-captain Mark Cullen, Spurway and his centre-back partner Mike Whitefield who was later adjudged MoM.

The lead was doubled just before the half-hour when referee Chris Emmer-

son, officiating in his first PSDL cup final spotted a trip by Netherbury full-back Christian Steward on Perry, and top-scorer Andy Whitefield smashed the resulting penalty kick high into the net for his 23rd goal of the season.

Netherbury then finally began to force their way into the game. A swift counter attack down the left wing following a Barrington corner saw Chris Symes have a shot blocked by Cullen.

Soon after this a flick on reached the unmarked Mark Cuff unmarked at the back stick but his header from six yards lacked power.

Just before the break Tom Franklin fired a drive from the corner of the box which was well saved by Cullen.

There was a rash of bookings just around the interval with Mike Whitefield, Perry and James Thompson all finding themselves in referee Emmer-son's book in a short space of time. And the mounting number of cautions were to prove crucial later in the match.

Barrington were slow out of the blocks after the turnaround and the Ambers sensed a chance to force their way back into a game that had seemed to be lost.

Cuff had a close range back heel blocked and striker Ryan Gall was denied by a fine last ditch tackle by Mike Whitefield.

They grabbed a lifeline their head of steam deserved on the hour when a close range shot from Ryan Gay was handed on the line and Franklin coolly side-footed home from 12 yards.

This was the first goal Barrington had conceded in more than six hours of competitive football.

But hopes of completing a stirring fightback were ended four minutes later when Ambers' defender Nathan Goldstone was dismissed after receiving a second yellow card.

The result was confirmed in the 68th minute when a long throw-in was flicked home by a near post header from Simon Cherry.

Dare went close to rubbing salt into the wounds when he caught Gay in possession but his angled shot was



## Franklin spot on!

■ **COOLY DONE:** Netherbury skipper Tom Franklin (extreme right) sends Barrington keeper Mark Cullen the wrong way from the penalty spot to give his side hope in Saturday's PSDL Division One League Cup Final at Misterton.

Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

blocked by Harp.

Dare and Gay, who had a good battle throughout, were added to referee Emmer-son's bulging book after tangling late on.

Dare then found Andy Whitefield but his shot was tipped over by glove-man Harp.

It mattered not, and Barrington lifted the trophy for the second time - the first occasion being way back in 1967-68.

**D & E DIVISION THREE**

Axmouth Utd p Woodbury p  
Cheriton Fitz p Clyst Valley Res p  
Exmouth Town Res p Tedburn St Mary p  
Henry's Cronies p Axminster Town Res p  
(Axminster failed to raise a team)  
Pinhoe 3 Chagford 9  
Thorverton Res p Lyme Regis p

**FIXTURES**

**Saturday, January 10th**  
**PERRY STREET LEAGUE**  
**SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP QF**

(1.45pm)

Crewkerne Town v W & M Chinnock

**DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP**

**Round 2 (2pm)**

Thorncombe (D2) v Hinton (D4)

Uplyme (D2) v Merriott Rovers (D4)

**PREMIER (all 2pm)**

Beaminstor v Ilminster Town Colts

Combe Res v Lyme Regis Res

Shepton Beauchamp v Misterton

South Petherton v Perry Street

**DIVISION ONE**

Farway Utd v Luso-Chard

Netherbury v Barrington

Winsham Utd v Pymore

**DIVISION TWO**

Charmouth v Combe A

Crewkerne Rangers v Waytown Hnds

Drimpton v Beaminstor Res

Ilminster Town A v Crewkerne Res

**DIVISION THREE**

Chard Rangers v Merriott Dynamos

Chard Utd Res v Shepton Beau Res

Dowlish & Donyatt v S.Petherton Res

Kingsbury v Barrington Res

Millwey Rise Res v Thorncombe Res

**DIVISION FOUR**

Combe B v Drimpton Res

Chard Utd AllStars v Farway Utd Res

**PSDL top scorers**

**PREMIER**

Dan Smith (Shepton Beauchamp) &

Josh Hunter (Beaminstor) both 22,

Dan Peach (Shepton Beauchamp),

Mark Cawley (W & M Chinnock) and

Jamie Spurdle (Crewkerne) all 14,

Wayne Behan (Combe Res) and Rich

Hebdict (South Petherton) both 13,

Adam Dawe (Crewkerne Town) and

Stuart Bicknell & Steve Every (both

Combe Res) all 11,

Aaron Sweet (Shepton Beauchamp),

Jordan Allen (Combe Res) and Liam

Riste & Dave John (both Crewkerne

Town) all 10.

**DIVISION ONE**

Andy Whitefield (Barrington) 23,

Sam Dibbling (Millwey Rise) 16,

Tom Stead (Winsham Utd) both 14,

Stuart Packer (Chard Utd) & Andy

Stephenson (Forton Rangers) both 13,

Guy Dare (Barrington) 11,

Shane Partridge (Winsham Utd) 10.

**DIVISION TWO**

Terry Farrell (Drimpton) 18,

Bryan Garrett (Thorncombe), Dan

Rumsby (Charmouth), Paul Gold

(Crewkerne Town Res) & Simon

Denslow (Crewkerne Rangers) all 12.

**DIVISION THREE**

Liam Male (Chard Utd Res) 18,

Nathan Doey (Dowlish & Don) &

Andy Dymond (Hawkchurch) both 13,

Jimmy Rees (South Peth Res) 12,

Jamie Brown (Chard Utd Res) 11.

**DIVISION FOUR**

Ashley Cooper (Merriott Rovers) 21,

Graham Cleal (Combe B) 13,

Niall Waterhouse (Uplyme Res) 12,

Aaron Hole (Crewkerne Rangers Res-

serves) 11,

Sam Rowsell & Dan Rudge (both

Merriott Rovers) both 10.

**Bees get New Year**

**off to good start**

**BLANDFORD UNITED 2**

**BRIDPORT RESERVES 3**

BRIDPORT Reserves, boosted by the

inclusion of three first teamers follow-

ing their postponement, got the New

Year off to a winning start with a hard

fought win against the Royals.

However they got off to a slow start

and Dan Vater gave Blandford the lead

with a long-range shot.

Bridport finally got into gear and

capitalised on two goalkeeping errors

with goals from Dan Bagges and Jamie

Filkins to take a half-time lead.

However, with the wind behind them

after the break the Royals claimed par-

ity when Luke Pidgley scored midway

through the half.

It looked as if the hosts might go on

to win but it was Bridport that scored;

Jack Scovell finishing off good work

between Dan Peart and Adam Steele to

score with a firm shot into the corner.

However, Blandford continued to

take the game to the Bees and keeper

Jamie Fry was forced into a superb

save before Adam Stordy came to the

rescue with a fine challenge.

**penalty miss**

In the final minute however the Roy-

als were thrown a lifeline after Ryan

Hayter was adjudged to have pushed

his man in the back, but fortunately for

the Bees Kieron Mulvey missed the

spot kick.

## As they stand

| Toolstation Prem  | Pld | GD  | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Bristol Manor Fm  | 20  | 24  | 40  |
| Melksham Town     | 19  | 21  | 36  |
| Brislington       | 20  | 17  | 35  |
| Bitton            | 22  | 7   | 35  |
| Slimbridge        | 18  | 7   | 33  |
| Willand Rovers    | 16  | 14  | 33  |
| Street            | 24  | 0   | 31  |
| Shepton Mallet    | 19  | 3   | 31  |
| Odd Down          | 20  | 7   | 29  |
| Bradford Town     | 19  | 2   | 29  |
| BRIDPORT          | 20  | -7  | 29  |
| Buckland Athletic | 17  | 9   | 27  |
| Sherborne Town    | 20  | 6   | 26  |
| Gillingham Town   | 21  | -3  | 23  |
| Cadbury Heath     | 19  | -13 | 22  |
| Longwell Green    | 21  | -16 | 22  |
| Winterbourne Utd  | 20  | -20 | 20  |
| Hallen            | 20  | -17 | 18  |
| Bishops Sutton    | 21  | -41 | 14  |

| Dorset Premier       | Pld | GD  | Pts |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Merley Cobham        | 20  | 37  | 52  |
| PORTLAND UTD         | 19  | 47  | 48  |
| Parley Sports        | 21  | 26  | 45  |
| Hamworthy Res        | 17  | 41  | 43  |
| WEYMOUTH RES         | 20  | 21  | 39  |
| Shaftesbury Town     | 19  | 3   | 34  |
| Wareham Rangers      | 18  | 7   | 32  |
| Mere Town            | 20  | 5   | 29  |
| Westland Sports      | 18  | -2  | 24  |
| Sherborne Res        | 19  | -5  | 24  |
| BRIDPORT RES         | 18  | -5  | 23  |
| Swanage & Herst      | 15  | -1  | 20  |
| Blandford Utd        | 21  | -28 | 19  |
| Tintinhull           | 20  | -27 | 16  |
| Cranborne            | 20  | -34 | 14  |
| Sturminster Marshall | 21  | -33 | 13  |
| Hamworthy Utd Res    | 18  | -21 | 12* |
| Poole Borough        | 20  | -31 | 10  |

| D & E Div Three  | Pld | +/  | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Exmouth Tn Res   | 15  | 36  | 33  |
| LYME REGIS       | 14  | 45  | 30  |
| Henry's Cronies  | 11  | 31  | 26  |
| Woodbury         | 12  | 14  | 26  |
| Exeter Univ Sths | 12  | 8   | 25  |
| Chagford         | 14  | 12  | 22  |
| Clyst Valley Res | 16  | -9  | 19  |
| Cheriton Fitzp   | 15  | 0   | 18  |
| Tedburn St Mary  | 10  | -10 | 14  |
| Axmouth Utd      | 12  | -5  | 13  |
| Thorverton Res   | 13  | -20 | 12  |
| Exmouth Amt Res  | 16  | -32 | 11  |
| Axminster Res    | 16  | -38 | 10  |
| Pinhoe           | 16  | -32 | 9   |

| Premier         | Pld | +/  | Pts |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Perry Street    | 12  | 24  | 28  |
| Crewkerne Town  | 8   | 30  | 24  |
| Shepton Beau    | 11  | 28  | 24  |
| South Petherton | 11  | 28  | 22  |
| W & M Chinnock  | 10  | 20  | 21  |
| BEAMINSTOR      | 10  | 23  | 15  |
| Combe Res       | 10  | 23  | 12  |
| LYME REGIS RES  | 12  | -20 | 9   |
| Misterton       | 10  | -84 | 3   |
| Ilminster Colts | 11  | -72 | 0   |

| Division One   | Pld | +/  | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Barrington     | 9   | 38  | 27  |
| Millwey Rise   | 11  | 21  | 25  |
| Winsham Utd    | 11  | 16  | 24  |
| Forton Rangers | 11  | 9   | 18  |
| NETHERBURY     | 9   | 8   | 17  |
| Chard Utd      | 13  | 2   | 16  |
| LYME BANTAMS   | 11  | -13 | 11  |
| Luso-Chard     | 11  | -24 | 9   |
| PYMORE         | 10  | -17 | 4   |
| Farway Utd     | 10  | -40 | 3   |

| Division Two     | Pld | +/  | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| DRIMPTON         | 10  | 32  | 26  |
| Thorncombe       | 10  | 11  | 21  |
| WAYTOWN HND      | 12  | 9   | 19  |
| Crewk Rangers    | 11  | -2  | 17  |
| Crewkerne Res    | 8   | 9   | 16  |
| UPLYME           | 9   | 13  | 13  |
| CHARMOUTH        | 12  | -7  | 13  |
| BEAMINSTOR RES   | 11  | 2   | 11  |
| Combe A          | 11  | -11 | 10  |
| Ilminster Town A | 10  | -56 | -2* |

| Division Three   | Pld | +/  | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Chard Utd Res    | 10  | 13  | 22  |
| Kingsbury Episc  | 10  | 17  | 21  |
| Barrington Res   | 10  | 15  | 21  |
| Hawkchurch Utd   | 10  | 10  | 16  |
| S.Petherton Res  | 12  | -4  | 14  |
| Thorncombe Res   | 11  | -4  | 13  |
| Dowlish & Don    | 10  | -6  | 11  |
| Shepton Beau Res | 9   | -10 | 10  |
| Merriott Dynamos | 8   | -2  | 9   |
| Chard Rangers    | 9   | -12 | 9   |
| Millwey Rise Res | 9   | -17 | 5*  |

| Division Four      | Pld | +/  | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Merriott Rovers    | 9   | 51  | 27  |
| Combe B            | 10  | 28  | 25  |
| Winsham Utd Res    | 12  | -1  | 18  |
| Crewk Rangers Res  | 11  | 7   | 16  |
| UPLYME RES         | 9   | 4   | 15  |
| Hinton St George   | 8   | -1  | 11  |
| DRIMPTON RES       | 10  | -9  | 9   |
| Chard Rangers Res  | 9   | -15 | 9   |
| Farway Utd Res     | 11  | -10 | 6   |
| Chard Utd AllStars | 11  | -50 | 4   |

\* = Pts deducted



◆ **KILLER GOAL:** Barrington's Simon Cherry (blue) loops home a near post header to make it 3-1 and kill off the now 10-man Netherbury fightback.

Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE



**U6 football in Bridport**

**BRIDPORT** Football Club are launching a new under 6s team.

Training sessions will be held at Colfox School on Wednesday evenings between 6pm and 7pm - beginning tonight (Wednesday, January 7th).

Please contact Martin Phillips (manager) on 07969 882496 for more details.

## Bridport Skittles

CUP Fixtures for week beginning Monday, January 12th.

**Mens Individuals**  
(2nd Round)

*Monday, January 12th*

**WEST DORSET CLUB** - H Rathbone; M Powell; R Pincombe; C Willcox; N Pye; R Paulley; D Cooper; S Welsford; M Horton; B Robinson; D Cowburn; A Paulley; A Gay; G Brooks; P Scott; B Chapple.

**Ladies Individuals**  
(1st Round - no byes)

*Tuesday, January 13th*

**BRADPOLE CLUB** - M Hansford; C Lambert; K Tuck; C Bailey; S Newman; E Hooper; C Huxter; G Legg; J Doble; J Cake; M Paulley; A Wiscombe; S Luter; B Crandon; H Doble; J Brooks; J Symes; V Cozens.

| Division A  | Pld | Pts |
|-------------|-----|-----|
| Rejects     | 9   | 14  |
| Shipfaced   | 9   | 14  |
| Wanderers   | 8   | 14  |
| Masters     | 10  | 12  |
| Rockets     | 10  | 12  |
| Denhay      | 10  | 11  |
| Outsiders   | 9   | 10  |
| Rough Eight | 10  | 8   |
| Lively Lads | 10  | 6   |
| Slings      | 10  | 6   |
| The Dingles | 9   | 4   |
| Broad Oak   | 10  | 3   |

| Division B        | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| U Know the Bloses | 10  | 17  |
| Dingbats          | 10  | 16  |
| Originals         | 8   | 14  |
| Nelson Nobblers   | 7   | 12  |
| NBC               | 10  | 10  |
| LHS               | 9   | 8   |
| Bangers           | 8   | 7   |
| 7" Clock          | 10  | 6   |
| Crazy Gang        | 10  | 6   |
| Miss The Ball     | 10  | 6   |
| Gerrytrics        | 8   | 4   |
| Mean Machine      | 10  | 4   |

| Division C      | Pld | Pts |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Countrymen      | 10  | 18  |
| Castouts        | 10  | 16  |
| Bulldogs        | 10  | 14  |
| Whiskey Chasers | 9   | 13  |
| Pioneers        | 10  | 12  |
| Aussies Lot     | 10  | 8   |
| Pinseekers      | 10  | 8   |
| Strawpeedoes    | 10  | 8   |
| Alcoholics      | 9   | 6   |
| Survivors       | 10  | 6   |
| Unknowns        | 10  | 6   |
| AFAR            | 10  | 3   |

| Division D     | Pld | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Yo Yo's        | 10  | 16  |
| Groundhogs     | 8   | 14  |
| Alleycats      | 10  | 12  |
| Brandy Snaps   | 9   | 10  |
| Holiden Talent | 8   | 10  |
| Offcuts        | 9   | 9   |
| Featherbeds    | 9   | 8   |
| Let 'em Roll   | 8   | 8   |
| Stinger        | 9   | 8   |
| Bad Girls      | 10  | 7   |
| Pinbashers     | 10  | 4   |
| Tiger Lilies   | 10  | 4   |

**Highest individual League score:** A Coombes (Outsiders) and F Parsons (Originals) both 92.

## West Bay Sea Angling

# Cullingford finally breaks his duck

AFTER years of trying Adam Cullingford finally won the West Bay Sea Angling Club's **Christmas Fayre** held at Burton Bradstock and West Bay.

Most anglers fished at Burton, and with a good sea running with plenty of colour, they caught cod, dogfish whiting, pout and rockling. Cullingford's haul of just over 5kg of fish saw him win by some margin from Simon Bowditch and Paul House.

Competitors weighed-in back at the Salthouse where they enjoyed a hot meal and after the prize giving, a draw was made for the Christmas presents that competitors brought to the match.

**Result:** 1st: Adam Cullingford 5070g, 2nd: Simon Bowditch 3360g, 3rd: Paul House 3150g, Heaviest fish: Paul House - cod 1320g, Most species: Craig Horton - five bearded/shore rockling and pout.

**Andy Neal Rover - Dec 13th**

A WEEK earlier, all but two anglers chose to fish at Burton on a calm and cold evening with plenty of fish coming to the scales.

Lea Windsor was one of those anglers who decided to fish at Bexington, which was a good move as he found plenty of fish including five plump codling.

1st: Lea Windsor 8125g, 2nd: Ollie Mears 7129g, 3rd: Steve Fowles 7045g, Most species: PJ wheeler (8) - flounder, codling, dogfish, pout, whiting, poor cod and five-bearded/shore rockling, Heaviest fish: (above bags removed) Paul House - dogfish 875g.

This completed the club's fixture list for the year; the first match of 2015 took place on January 1st at Abbotsbury.

The club's new membership year also starts on January 1st; to join or for more information please contact the Angling Centre, West Bay.



◆ AT LAST: Adam Cullingford (left) is presented with his prize by shore secretary Steve Fowles

## Wessex Point-to-Point

# Your full calendar of 2015 meetings

**ROYAL ARTILLERY**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH.** First race: 11.35am  
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire  
Secretary: Mr A Connell. Telephone: 01980 662529

**SOUTH DORSET**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST.** First race: noon  
MILBORNE ST ANDREW, nr Bere Regis, Dorset  
Secretary: Mrs K Davis. Telephone: 01258 817151

**COMBINED SERVICES**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH.** First race: 11.30am  
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire  
Secretary: Mrs M O'Hare. Telephone: 01980 655556

**COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE CLUB (WESSEX)**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND.** First race: noon  
BADBURY RINGS, nr Wimborne, Dorset  
Secretary: Mrs J Stockdale. Telephone: 01258 455412

**QUANTOCK STAGHOUNDS**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST.** First race: 12.30pm  
COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset  
Secretaries: Mrs B Tully & Mrs S Baker. Telephone: 01278 732944

**BLACKMORE & SPARKFORD VALE\***

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH.** First race: 12.30pm  
CHARLTON HORETHORNE, nr Sherborne, Dorset  
Secretary: Mrs C Hinks. Telephone: 01963 370260

**NEW FOREST\* - SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH.**  
First race: 12.30pm  
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire  
Secretary: Mr J Young. Telephone: 01590 622515

**WILTON - Saturday, March 21st**  
First (Charity Flat) race: 12.30pm  
First (Point-to-Point) race: 1.30pm  
MILBORNE ST ANDREW, nr Bere Regis, Dorset  
Secretaries: Mr & Mrs M Elgar. Telephone: 01722 718368

**MENDIP FARMERS\***  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND.** First race: 12.30pm  
EASTON, nr Shepton Mallet, Somerset  
Secretary: Mrs M Dowds. Telephone: 01761 241339

**AVON VALE - SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH.**  
First race: 1.30pm  
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire  
Secretary: Mrs A Palmer. Telephone: 07976 335400

**COTLEY\* - SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH.**  
First race: 1.30pm

**COTLEY, nr Chard, Somerset**  
Secretary: Mr A Palmer. Telephone: 01297 678525

**PORTMAN**  
**EASTER SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH.**  
First race: 2.00pm  
BADBURY RINGS, nr Wimborne, Dorset  
Secretary: Mrs S Old. Telephone: 01258 817101

**TAUNTON VALE FOXHOUNDS & HARRIERS\* - EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 6TH.**  
First race: 1.30pm  
KINGSTON ST MARY, nr Taunton, Somerset  
Secretary: Mrs V Kemp. Telephone: 01404 881353

**SEAVINGTON - SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH.**  
First race: 2.00pm  
LITTLEWINDSOR, nr Beaminster, Dorset  
Secretary: Mr G Rendell. Telephone: 01308 868332

**SOUTH & WEST WILTS**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH**  
First (Charity Flat) race: 1.15pm  
First (Point-to-Point) race: 2.00pm  
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire  
Secretary: Mrs E Marriott. Telephone: 01747 840062

**DEVON & SOMERSET STAGHOUNDS**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 3RD.** First race: 2pm

**HOLNICOTE, nr Minehead, Somerset**  
Secretary: Mrs J Rawle. Telephone: 01398 332157

**CATTISTOCK\***  
**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, MAY 4TH.**  
First race: 2pm  
LITTLEWINDSOR, nr Beaminster, Dorset  
Secretary: Mrs N Atkinson. Telephone: 01935 83892

**MINEHEAD HARRIERS & WEST SOMERSET - SATURDAY, MAY 9TH.**  
First race: 2pm  
HOLNICOTE, nr Minehead, Somerset  
Secretaries: Ms K Boufflower & Mrs D Stevens. Telephone: 01984 629266

**WESTON & BANWELL HARRIERS\***  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH.**  
First race: 4.30pm  
COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset  
Secretary: Mr J Fear. Telephone: 01278 783261

**WEST SOMERSET VALE\***  
**SUNDAY, MAY 24TH.**  
First race: 1.30pm  
COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset  
Secretary: Miss K Cooke. Telephone: 01934 853330

\*Meeting includes pony racing

## Bob Buckler racing

# Ugolin de Beaumont shows his potential

BOB Buckler had a busy time over Christmas and the New Year with mixed results with the novice UGOLIN DE BEAUMONT showing good form in only his second race when finishing second to Ghost River in the bumper at Chepstow.

His run is given more credence by the fact that winning trainer Peter Bowen and Rebecca Curtis and Jeremy Scott whose horses finished behind Buckler, rate their charges the

best novice horse they have had.

There was also more success for BALLYEGAN, who continued his recent return to form having won twice, finishing second in the novices' handicap hurdle over 2m7f at Exeter on New Year's Day behind the well handicapped Nordic Nymph.

However there was little success for three others at the same meeting. DIGGER'S MATE was once again disappointing, finishing last but one in

his hurdle race after being pulled up two days earlier at Taunton, whilst the previously impressive THE HAPPY WARRIOR drew another blank when pulled up in the handicap chase over 3m when reasonably placed when horse and jockey got too close to the wings halfway round.

SOMERSET LIAS hated the heavy ground and was further hampered when boxed in on the chewed up ground on the final bend after lead-

ing briefly and finished seventh in the 2m3f handicap hurdle. He will need further and better ground in future.

Buckler however was encouraged by his last runner at Exeter; SAY MY NAME running in his third bumper coming through to finish fifth.

Buckler said: "It was a lovely run considering he is a four-year old running against older five and six year olds.

"He also struggled in the heavy ground, and after dropping back to almost last approaching the final straight on the chewed up ground, came through with a strong run on the better surface to finish fifth."

TINKER TIME after his recent successes, also found the ground far too heavy for him last Saturday in the Class 2 32Red Casino Handicap Chase over 3m at Sandown and finished seventh.



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## INSIDE: Netherbury FC suffer Cup Final defeat Senior happy although January could be 'pivotal'

DESPITE a poor December that saw Bridport slip from the heady heights of sixth to eleventh during the month, manager Trevor Senior is pleased with his side's situation so far.

January see the Bees face four vital league games against Sherborne, Hallen, Longwell Green and Bitton.

He said: "December was always going to be a tough and that's how it proved.

"I don't think we did ourselves justice at Odd Down where they were the better side on the day, and Street where we just didn't turn up, but the others were won or lost on merit.

"January gives us a chance to pick up a few points if we do it right, and with Saturday's game having been postponed it gives us a chance to get one or two back after injury and unavailability.

**by Stuart Broom**  
stuart@pemediia.co.uk

Both Jamie Symes and Chris Symes will be available whilst the extra rest will help Chris Clarke's ankle, and Sean Stewart should also be fit by Saturday following his injury, so it is looking a lot healthier."

Looking at the fixtures he added: "We really owe Hallen one from the reverse fixture.

"That is the one game where we missed three points for the taking having missed so many chances and they scored with their only shot on goal, and that was a deflected free kick!

### local derby

"As a local derby games against Sherborne is always difficult, and they have picked up in recent weeks.

"It could be a pivotal month really as you could pick up say nine points out of the twelve and be in the top eight, or lose all the games and be near the bottom.

"Yes we just have to get our confidence back and blow the cobwebs out from Christmas and hopefully give a good account of ourselves."

The Bees boss also believes the Les Phillips Cup is important to Bridport's season; they host Wiland Rovers in the second round of the Toolstation Western League's trophy on February 7th

"I hope we can hit a bit of form before then as I've always found it a good competition and would love us to win it to keep our season alive."

The cup is dear to Senior's heart as he won it when in charge of Bridgwater Town a decade ago.

## Drimpton FC



◆ **ON THE WAY UP:** After a period in the doldrums Drimpton FC are red-hot favourites for the Perry Street League Division Two title this season. The team is pictured above in their new kit sponsored by No 7 Café, Crewkerne. Line-up, Back (l-r): Mike Rowswell, Craig Lodge, Lee Banks, Paul Richards, Adam Loader (kit sponsor, No 7 Café, Crewkerne), Lee Drayton (manager) Adam Tanner, Nick Murphy, Mark Pearce, Tony Francis. Front: Courtney Drayton, Josh Parsons, Paul McCormack, Dan Legg, Nathan Turnbull, Chris Rowswell, Ben Dickinson, Craig Studley, Terry Farrell.

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